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APPLICANT : THOMAS PATRICK RYAN
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of this continuation application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 9, line 15, delete "has" and substitute therefor -- moves --; and
line 26, after "member", insert -- (jaw member) --.